

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 24, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, we place our trust and hope in You, Our Creator. Our intention each day is to open our hearts to You and to our neighbors; and our minds to Your gift of wisdom and to our neighbor's thoughtful suggestions. In Your goodness help us to respond in a mature manner to the views of others as we craft legislation. In evaluating the request of constituents for legislative changes teach us to be fair, objective and reasonable. With Your guidance and by following Your guidelines for successful living, may our decisions today benefit people now and in the years ahead.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Prayer.

Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. DiMasi of Boston and Kennedy of Brockton) on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the New England Board of Higher Education;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bradley of Hingham and other members of the House) on the retirement of Coach James Cotter;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston, Straus of Mattapoisett and Canessa of New Bedford) congratulating Nathan Elisiah on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Spellane of Worcester) honoring Lt. Joseph Wanat of Worcester and his meritorious service in Iraq and safe return to Massachusetts; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Tobin of Quincy, Nyman of Hanover, Mariano of Quincy and Ayers of Quincy) congratulating Barbara Dinatale on the occasion of her retirement;

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Coughlin of Dedham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

New England Board of Higher Education.

James Cotter.

Nathan Elisiah.

Joseph Wanat.

Barbara Dinatale.

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate,
to wit:

February 24, 2005.

The Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

State
Administration
and Regulatory
Oversight
committee.

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Brian P. Lees, Minority Leader of the Senate, has announced that as of this date, February 24, 2005, the minority member of the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on the part of the Senate will be Michael R. Knapik of Hampden and Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Supplemental
appropriations,
military
personnel.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the message from His Excellency the Governor submitting recommendations for making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 2005 to provide payments and benefits to certain servicemen and women and their families (House, No. 37),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Arlington,
age
requirements.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting Timothy Pacheco of Arlington from the maximum age requirements for applying for civil service appointment as firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 33). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.